under ICDS is the provision of 50% of Recommended Dietary allowances (RDA) of micronutrients through supplementary food.

Supplementary food is also provided through National Programme of Nutritional Support to Primary Education (Mid-day Meal programme) to school going children.

3. A National Nutrition Policy was adopted in 1993 and the National Plan Action on nutrition is being implemented through various departments of Government of India. Now a National Nutrition Mission has been set up to deal with all nutritional problems through a Mission mode approach.

4. Other measures initiated by the Government to improve the Nutritional Status of the people are:

- Improving agricultural and horticulture produce.
- Improving the purchasing power of the people through income generating schemes
- Availability of essential food items at subsidised cost through Targeted Public Distribution system and Public Distribution system
- Nutrition Education to increase the awareness and bring about desired changes in the dietary practices including the promotion of breast feeding and dietary diversification

5. Programmes for prevention of Specific Micronutrient Deficienty disorders other than iron deficiency

(i) Prophylaxis Programme to prevent Nutritional Blindness due to Vitamin A deficiency. This is also under the RCH programme (ii) National Iodine Deficiency disease Control Programme (NIDDCP) (iii) Pilot Programme for control of Micronutrient Deficiencies

AIIMS Like Institutions in Bhopal

†2041. MISS ANUSUIYA UIKEY: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) the names of the cities of the country where provision has been made to open the branches of AIIMS and whether Bhopal is also included into the same;

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

(b) if so, whether the Committee has been constituted by Government for management of this hospital under the Department of Health and Family Welfare in Bhopal;

(c) if not, the reasons therefore and by when it would be constituted and the names of the persons proposed to be included in it; and

(d) by when the AIIMS hospital would be commissioned in Bhopal?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (DR. ANBUMANI RAMDOSS): (a) Under Pradhan Mantri Swasthya Suraksha Yojana, it has been decided to set up one AIIMS-like institution each in Patna (Bihar), Raipur (Chhattisgarh), Bhopal (Madhya Pradesh), Bhubaneswar (Orissa), Jodhpur (Rajasthan) and Rishikesh (Uttaranchal).

(b) and (c) No, Sir. Each of the AIIMS-like institutions would be professionally managed autonomous organizations of the Government of India and established through an Act of Parliament. The representative of the State Government would be a member in the Governing Body of the Institution.

(d) The hospital at Bhopal is expected to be commissioned by 2010.

Absence of medical store in Safdarjung Hospital

2042. SHRI MOTIUR RAHMAN: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is no medical store functioning in the Safdarjung Hospital and the patients have to depend on private sources for medicines, etc.:

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) what steps are proposed to be taken to open a medical store in the hospital premises itself; and

(d) whether the doctors of the hospital ask the attendants of the patients to bring medicine, injections, etc. from the market and if so, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (DR. ANBUMANI RAMDOSS): (a) to (d) A medical store is functioning in Safda'rjung Hospital and the patients are provided available medicines and disposables free of cost as per prescribed formulary.